

# Gunshot Wounds Among Vermont Residents

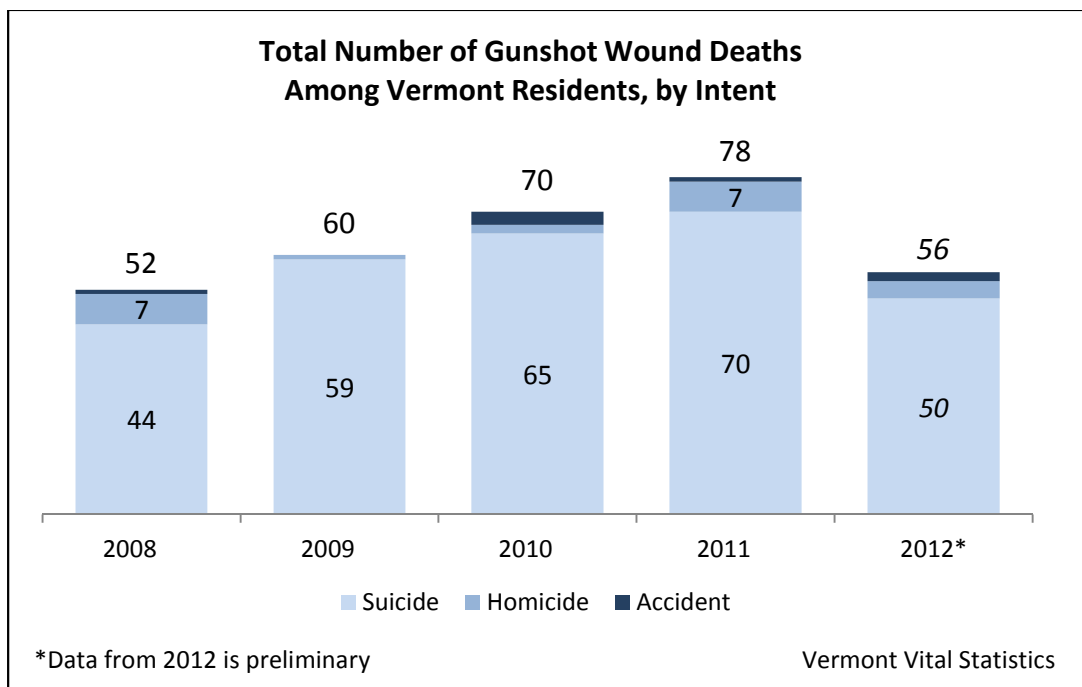
## Vermont Injury Prevention Program

### Background

Vermont has a slightly lower rate of occurrence of gunshot injury and death when compared to the U.S. (9.1 per 100,000 compared to 10.3 per 100,000 respectively). Further investigation into Vermont's gunshot wound incidents shows that most are related to attempts to end one's life.

### Gunshot Wound Deaths

Between 2008 and 2012\*, ninety percent of all gunshot wound deaths were a result of suicide. However, when looking at suicide in the same time period, more than half of all suicides were via gunshot wound. Although the numbers may appear to have increased, there has not been a statistically significant increase in gunshot wound death or suicide between 2008 and 2012.



Males are more likely than females to suffer gunshot wound death, they are more likely to end their lives, and are more likely to end their lives via gunshot wound. Approximately 90% of all gunshot wound deaths are male; more than 80% of all suicide deaths are male; and males make up 90% of gunshot wound suicide deaths.

Four percent of all gunshot wound suicides between 2008 and 2012 were among those less than 18 years of age. This equates to a total of 10 gunshot wound suicide deaths among youth between 2008 and 2012.

*\*All data from 2012 is considered preliminary*